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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 31, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended four times) A method comprising:

receiving from a user an input selecting a layer in an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, the selected layer having content consisting of one or more non-transparent regions in a transparent frame;

for the selected layer of the artwork, defining an area based on a boundary of the one or more non-transparent regions in combination;

assigning an action to the area, the action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected; and

associating the area and the action with the selected layer as a property of the selected layer in the electronic artwork.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein:

the action is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator).

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